

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

The sole ground of rejection set forth in the Final Rejection is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 106-135 over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,627,566. Attached to the present Response is a Terminal Disclaimer which obviates the double patenting rejection.


The Terminal Disclaimer filed November 18, 2004, was in response to a telephone interview with Examiner Group on October 29, 2004. In a telephone interview conducted on November 22, 2004, Examiner Group indicated that, upon reconsideration, the amended claims filed September 24, 2004, were patentably distinct from the claims in U.S. Patents No. 6,294,490 and No. 6,627,565. Accordingly, the Terminal Disclaimer filed November 18, 2004, is moot.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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